

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A glass reinforcing yarn ~~having~~ comprising a composition, expressed in percentages by weight of:

SiO ₂	50-65%
Al ₂ O ₃	12-20%
CaO	13-14.9%
MgO	6-12%
B ₂ O ₃	0-3%
TiO ₂	0-3%
Na ₂ O + K ₂ O	<2%
F ₂	0-1%
Fe ₂ O ₃	<1%

wherein the glass reinforcing yarn is ~~substantially free of lithium~~ contains no lithium oxide other than trace impurities.

2. (Previously Presented) The glass yarn as claimed in claim 1, wherein the composition has an MgO+Al₂O₃ content of greater than 24%.

3. (Previously Presented) The glass yarn of claim 1, wherein the composition has an SiO₂+Al₂O₃ content of greater than or equal to 70%.

4. (Currently Amended) The glass yarn of claim 1, wherein the composition has an Al₂O₃/(Al₂O₃+CaO+MgO) weight ratio that varies from 0.40 to 0.44 ~~and is preferably less than 0.42~~.

5. (Currently Amended) The glass yarn of claim 1, wherein the composition has a CaO/MgO weight ratio of greater than or equal to 1.40 ~~and preferably less than or equal to 1.8.~~

6. (Previously Presented) The glass yarn of claim 1 further comprising, expressed in percentages by weight of:

SiO ₂	56-61%
Al ₂ O ₃	14-18%
CaO	13-14.9%
MgO	8-10%
B ₂ O ₃	0-2%
TiO ₂	0-2%
Na ₂ O + K ₂ O	<0.8%
F ₂	0-1%.
Fe ₂ O ₃	<0.8%.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A glass composition suitable for producing glass reinforcing yarns, comprising, expressed in percentages by weight:

SiO ₂	50-65%
Al ₂ O ₃	12-20%
CaO	13-14.9%
MgO	6-12%
B ₂ O ₃	0-3%
TiO ₂	0-3%
Na ₂ O + K ₂ O	<2%
F ₂	0-1%
Fe ₂ O ₃	<1%

wherein the glass batch composition is ~~substantially free of lithium~~ contains no lithium oxide other than trace impurities.

9. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 8, wherein the composition has an MgO+Al₂O₃ content of greater than 24%.

10. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 8, wherein the composition has an SiO₂+Al₂O₃ content of greater than or equal to 70%.

11. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 8, wherein the composition has an Al₂O₃/(Al₂O₃+CaO+MgO) weight ratio that varies from 0.40 to 0.44 ~~and is preferably less than 0.42~~.

12. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 8, wherein the composition has a CaO/MgO weight ratio of greater than or equal to 1.40 ~~and preferably less than or equal to 1.8~~.

13. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that the composition comprises the following constituents, expressed in percentages by weight of:

SiO ₂	56-61%
Al ₂ O ₃	14-18%
CaO	13-14.9%
MgO	8-10%
B ₂ O ₃	0-2%
TiO ₂	0-2%
Na ₂ O + K ₂ O	<0.8%
F ₂	0-1%.
Fe ₂ O ₃	<0.8%.

14. (Currently Amended) A glass yarn, comprising, in weight percent:

SiO ₂	50-65%
Al ₂ O ₃	12-20%
CaO	13-14.9%
MgO	6-12%
B ₂ O ₃	0-3%
TiO ₂	0-3%
Na ₂ O + K ₂ O	<2%
F ₂	0-1%
Fe ₂ O ₃	<1%

and having a specific Young's Modulus greater than 33.

15. (Previously Presented) The glass yarn of claim 14, wherein the glass yarn has a T_{log n=4} of between 1271 °C and 1298 °C.

16. (Previously Presented) The glass yarn of claim 14, wherein the glass yarn has a T_{liquidus} of between 1210 °C and 1280 °C.

17. (Previously Presented) The glass yarn as claimed in claim 14, wherein the composition has an $\text{MgO}+\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ content of greater than 24%.
18. (Previously Presented) The glass yarn as claimed in claim 14, wherein the composition has an $\text{SiO}_2+\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ content of greater than or equal to 70%.
19. (Currently Amended) The glass yarn as claimed in claim 14, wherein the composition has an $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3/(\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3+\text{CaO}+\text{MgO})$ weight ratio that varies from 0.40 to 0.44 ~~and is preferably less than 0.42.~~
20. (Currently Amended) The glass yarn as claimed in claim 14, wherein the composition has a CaO/MgO weight ratio of greater than or equal to 1.40 ~~and preferably less than or equal to 1.8.~~